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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY: LDC POLICIES AND PRACTICES AFFECTING
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

REF: STATE 277058

1. REFTEL ANNOUNCES VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO PERFORM SUBJECT
SURVEY. SUBSEQUENTLY EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM DIRECTOR,

GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH ANNOUNCING FOUR-MAN TEAM WILL VISIT
TANZANIA FOR THREE WEEKS STARTING JANUARY 26.

2. MISSION WILL PROVIDE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. BELIEVE
TANZANIA, WHICH (A) PLACES PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON DEVELOP-
MENT OF AGRICULTURE SECTION AND (B) HAS LAUNCHED ALL-OUT
PROGRAM CURRENT CROP YEAR TO INCREASE FOODSTUFF PRODUCTION,
IS WORTHWHILE EXAMPLE FOR GAO TO STUDY WHEN GATHERING
MATERIAL FOR ITS REPORT. USEFUL APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED
WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WITHIN EMBASSY AND AID
MISSION THAT SHOULD PROVE PRODUCTIVE. WE WILL ASSESS SITUATION
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CLOSER TO TEAM ARRIVAL TIME BEFORE SUGGESTING MEETINGS WITH

TANGOV OFFICIALS.

3. WHILE MISSION WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO TEAM, WE BELIEVE TEAM SHOULD MAKE NO PLANS TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE DAR ES SALAAM. TANGOV VERY SENSITIVE REGARDING VISITS OF STRANGERS TO COUNTRYSIDE. GAO SHOULD NOTE THAT AID SENT SIMILAR TEAM TO TANZANIA IN OCTOBER IN RESPECT TO PL 480 TITLE II PLANS OF COUNTRY AND TANGOV WAS LESS THAN ECSTATIC TO RECEIVE THEM. NO LESS PERSON THAN FOREIGN MINISTER QUESTIONED UTILITY OF VISIT AND WONDERED WHY GAO NEEDED SEND TEAM WHEN EMBASSY AND AID STAFF HAD UNDOUBTEDLY SWEEP SAME FIELD SEVERAL TIMES OVER IN ITS REPORTING. AID TEAM EVENTUALLY SPENT MONTH IN TANZANIA BUT TANGOV MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT PREFERRED THAT IT HAD NOT COME.

4. IN VIEW RECENT HISTORY OF USG SURVEYING TANZANIA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WE BELIEVE GAO SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE COMPLEMENT TO TEAM TO NO MORE THAN TWO. RECOMMEND, AS WELL, TEAM REDUCE TANZANIAN SEGMENT OF VISIT TO TWO WEEKS. GAO SHOULD NOTE THAT EMBASSY REPORTING FINAL REPORT OF AID PL 480 TEAM, AND JUST-COMPLETED USAID DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PAPER (DAP) OFFERS SOLID FOUNDATION FOR TEAM TO BUILD UPON WHEN CONDUCTING ITS SURVEY. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY INTERVIEW WORK BY TEAM SHOULD PROGRESS VERY SWIFTLY.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS: FOUR SINGLES CONFIRMED AT NEW AFRICA FOR PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 26. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT: FSO H.R. LUCIUS.
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